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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

NFAC #074-81

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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Proposed Interagency Intelligence Estimates for 1981

1. With this memorandum, I would like to solicit your comments and suggestions on the proposed plan for producing interagency estimates for the year ahead. The attached draft lists 35 high-priority papers and 23 others for completion during this calendar year. Those targeted for completion in the first half of the year are the firmer proposals. In any case, we plan to revise the list in mid-year to cover the ensuing 12 months. Individual items will, of course, have to be added, dropped, or revised as circumstances and consumer requests dictate. (S)

2. Please comment on the adequacy and scope of the proposed plan in general and on any particular item therein. Are there gaps or additional topics that you believe should—and realistically can—be addressed in 1981? Are the proposed priority for and timing of each item appropriate? For those papers not yet under way, do you have resources upon which we might draw in producing them? (S)

3. I would appreciate your written comments on the list by Friday, 23 January. We will then accommodate them as best we can and issue the final version of the plan shortly thereafter. (S)

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Bruce C. Clarke, Jr.

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